

Amendments to the Claims

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1. (Canceled)

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3. (Canceled)

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5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:

an upper polarizer on a upper substrate;

a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and

a backlight device disposed opposite the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer;

wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding film ~~in a peripheral portion~~ formed in a rectangular shape along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer; and

wherein the light shielding film absorbs light.

7. (Previously Added) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to claim 6, wherein the light shielding film includes a coating that absorbs light.

8. (Previously Added) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 7, wherein the light shielding film is formed by a printed material.

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9. (Previously Added) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film extends along four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer.

10. (Previously Added) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film is dark.

11. (Previously Added) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding film is black.

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